

Deamer, Eileen

From: Deamer, Eileen
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 1:50 PM
To: Swiderski, Jim
Cc: Beckmann, Ronna Erin
Subject: RE: Request for Conference Call

Hi Jim –

The two other EPA participants on the call will be:

Bharat Mathur, Deputy Regional Administrator
Alan Walts, Director of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Office

Unfortunately, I'm on travel but will check in with you when I return.

Thanks,
Eileen

From: Swiderski, Jim [mailto:Jim.Swiderski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 10:08 AM
To: Deamer, Eileen
Subject: FW: Request for Conference Call

Hi Eileen,

Just left a message for you. Below is the email that Ken Westlake should have received on Friday that details the Wednesday morning conference call agenda and lists the participants. Please forward this to Ken if I have an incorrect email address.

Thanks much.

Jim

From: Swiderski, Jim
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 12:51 PM
To: 'bhalter@fs.fed.us'; 'rperiman@fs.fed.us'; 'Westlake.kenneth@epa.gov'; 'bstrom@fs.fed.us'; 'Tamara.E.Cameron@usace.army.mil'; 'bmoore@polymetmining.com'; 'Douglas.W.Bruner@usace.army.mil'; 'Naramore, Barb (DNR)'; Blom, Patti R (DNR) (patti.blom@state.mn.us)
Cc: Anderson, Jeff; Torkelson, Jodie; Yates, Ione
Subject: RE: Request for Conference Call

Hello everyone,

I am writing to confirm that the conference call will be held at **9:00 am** Central time on **Wednesday, August 13** of this coming week.

I will be joining Congressman Nolan on the call. Brad Moore with PolyMet will be on and may be joined by another staff member. I understand that Ron Periman may be filling in for Brenda Halter or possibly joining her on the call. Also, I believe Douglas Bruner will be filling in for Tamara Cameron, and that another staffer may join as well. I am aware this

time is available on Ken Westlake's schedule, and barring any other conflict, Ken will be joining the call or we will arrange for a substitute. Barb Naramore or someone from her staff at Minnesota DNR will also join the call.

Please call this number: 712-775-7300 and enter passcode 439353#. Hit "1" to confirm. Depending on the conversation, the call should take about one hour.

The objective here is entirely positive. Congressman Nolan wants to be better informed about the progress and the issues involved and see if he can do anything to help all of you complete the work ahead as quickly and as completely as possible. We are not looking to find fault, but rather to identify glitches or problems and see if solutions are available to move forward as scheduled.

Our agenda will be simple. We will ask each office, USFS, EPA, USACE and MN DNR to give a brief rundown of the status of the PolyMet NorthMet project Final EIS review as it relates to their jurisdiction.

1. What has been completed?
2. What is pending? Are you waiting on anyone else to respond?
3. Any outstanding issues of concern? How can those be resolved?
4. Any other concerns you have?
5. What is your estimate of final completion date?

We will also ask PolyMet to list any concerns they may have as well.

Please call me with any questions or concerns. My direct line is 202-226-3025. Office number 202-225-6211.

Thank you so much.

Jim

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From: Swiderski, Jim
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 6:45 PM
To: 'Westlake.kenneth@epa.gov'; 'Tamara.E.Cameron@usace.army.mil'; Halter, Brenda -FS (bhalter@fs.fed.us); bmoore@polymetminning.com
Cc: Anderson, Jeff; Torkelson, Jodie; Yates, Ione
Subject: Request for Conference Call

Re: Request for Conference Call

Congressman Rick Nolan has asked me to organize a one hour conference call with all of you on **Thursday, August 7th at 10:00 am**, Central Time, or on **Wednesday, August 13th at 9:00 am**, Central Time to review the status of the PolyMet NorthMet project review process. Could you each review your schedules as early as possible and determine if you are

available on either or both of those dates? We are trying to work out changes in the Congressman's schedule at this time, and I will confirm which time as soon as possible.

The purpose of this call is to look at the Final EIS process, the Section 404 wetlands review, and the Section 106 cultural resources review and get a sense of where we are at in the overall process. Are there any outstanding issues to be addressed at this time? Are we on target with the anticipated timelines? Does everyone have sufficient resources available to complete the review in a timely manner? Are there any other issues that might delay this process going forward in a timely manner? What other concerns do any of you have at this point in time?

Congressman Nolan is back in Minnesota now, during the August District Work Period, and is frequently meeting with constituents who have questions about the progress of this review. Of course we all want this process to move along as expeditiously as possible, and the Congressman would like to be as well informed as possible on this important project. If he can be helpful to any of you in any way, he hopes you will let him know.

Please feel free to call me at 202-225-6211 to discuss in more detail or reply by email.

Thank you so much.

Jim

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